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SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND PM KIRK'S VISIT

1. KIRK'S WASHINGTON PROGRAM WENT OFF AS SCHEDULED. VISIT HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL. BOTH KIRK AND NZ EMBASSY HAVE INDICATED TO DEPTOFFS THEIR PLEASURE WITH BOTH PROGRAM AND SUBSTANCE OF VARIOUS MEETINGS. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF DISCUSSIONS.

2. PM KIRK, ACCOMPANIED BY NZ AMBASSADOR WHITE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECRETARY CORNER, MET WITH PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY KISSINGER APPROXIMATELY 75 MINUTES MORNING SEPTEMBER 27.

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ACCORDING TO PRESS BRIEFING FOLLOWING MEETING, PRESIDENT

AND PM KIRK DISCUSSED CURRENT GLOBAL SITUATION, WITH EMPHASIS ON ASIA/PACIFIC AREA. PRESIDENT REAFFIRMED TO KIRK IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO ANZUS. BOTH AGREED ON NEED TO IMPROVE FURTHER NZ/US COOPERATION WITH RESPECT ENHANCEMENT STABILITY IN ASIA/PACIFIC REGION THROUGH ECONOMIC PROGRESS AS WELL AS THROUGH ADEQUATE SECURITY. PRESIDENT AND PM KIRK ALSO NOTED NEED FOR JOINT RESEARCH ON ENERGY DEVELOPMENT. IN THIS CONNECTION THEY AGREED TO NEGOTIATION OF US/NZ SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WHICH WILL PROVIDE FOR ENERGY RESEARCH.

3. FOLLOWING PRESIDENTIAL MEETING, PM KIRK, AMBASSADOR WHITE, SECRETARY CORNER, AND MINISTER ATKINS (NZ EMBASSY) MET WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH. UNDER SECRETARY PORTER, EA ACTING ASST. SECRETARY SNEIDER AND WELLINGTON DCM WOOD ALSO PRESENT. MAIN SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS DISCUSSED WERE JAPANESE ROLE IN ASIA AND SEATO. ALTHOUGH KIRK EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN FOR CHARACTER OF JAPANESE ECONOMIC EXPANSIONISM AND POTENTIAL FOR POLITICAL ADVENTURISM OR EVEN RESURGENCE MILITARISM, HE APPEARED UNDERSTAND BOTH INEVITABILITY AND DESIRABILITY MAJOR JAPANESE ROLE IN ASIA/PACIFIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND POLITICAL STABILITY. ON SEATO, HE MADE CLEAR HIS RESERVATIONS AND HIS HOPE THAT IT ULTIMATELY CAN BE REPLACED BY ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO REGIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COOPERATION. BUT HE ALSO EXPRESSED RECOGNITION OF SEATO'S IMPORTANCE TO THAILAND AND US, AND INDICATED NEW ZEALAND WILL CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE, PROVIDED MILITARY PROFILE CONTINUES BE LOWERED. DEPUTY SECRETARY POINTED OUT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SEATO AND OTHER COLLECTIVE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING ANZUS, AND DANGER TO LATTER SHOULD SEATO BE ABANDONED. AT CLOSE OF MEETING, DEPUTY SECRETARY INDICATED US APPROVAL OF CONCEPT OF ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD IN WELLINGTON IN FEBRUARY, ALTHOUGH DECISION YET TO BE TAKEN WHETHER HE OR SECRETARY WOULD REPRESENT USG.

4. AT WHITE HOUSE DINNER SEPTEMBER 27 THERE WERE FURTHER  
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DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN PM KIRK, PRESIDENT, AND SECRETARY KISSINGER. VICE PRESIDENT AND NUMBER OF OTHER SENIOR US OFFICIALS ALSO PRESENT. EXCHANGE OF TOASTS EXTREMELY WARM; TEXTS BEING POUCHED.

5. SEPTEL REPORTS IN DETAIL SEPTEMBER 28 ECONOMIC ISSUES MEETING WHICH DEALT MAINLY WITH TRADE QUESTIONS. NATIONAL PRESS CLUB SPEECH SAME DAY BEING POUCHED.

6. COMMENT. MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF VISIT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN (A) REINFORCEMENT OF KIRK'S WILL TO CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO SEA REGIONAL SECURITY VIA BOTH COLLECTIVE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, SUCH AS FPDA AND SEATO, AND INCREASED NZ ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE; (B) ENHANCED COMPREHENSION BY KIRK OF INTER-RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MILITARY (INCLUDING NUCLEAR) STRENGTH ON ONE HAND AND MOVES TOWARD DETENTE ON OTHER; (C) REASSURANCE, SOUGHT BY KIRK, THAT USG UNDERSTANDS AND ACCEPTS THAT NZG AND USG POLICIES NEED NOT BE IN LOCKSTEP, SO LONG AS WE KEEP IN MIND BASIC CONCERNS AND INTERESTS OF EACH OTHER. ON OTHER HAND WE ARE NOT SANQUINE VISIT WILL HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTED KIRK'S DETERMINATION TO PRESS

FORWARD, OR AT LEAST ACTIVELY EXPLORE, SUCH NUCLEAR ISSUE FAVORITES AS COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN AND SOUTH PACIFIC NUCLEAR FREE ZONE. KISSINGER

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